



INLAND WETLANDS & WATERCOURSES COMMISSION
TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN
Regular Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

Member's present: C. Grenier, S. Zelinski, B. Muschiano, S. Arseneault, S. Stephanski, D. Vachon.
Staff present: Wetlands Agent Joe Theroux.
Others present: Jack Cipriano

Seating of alternates: S. Stephanski for T. Sweet.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve April Minutes made and seconded by B. Muschiano & D. Vachon. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Notice of Violation: 108 Forge Hill Rd., Mr. Jack Cipriano: Filling, excavation and grading within inland wetlands watercourses and upland review areas. Mr. Cipriano submitted an application with various photos depicting the area he wants to fill. The area is roughly 45 feet in length and extends 17 feet from the existing cabin. The fill will be approx. 3 to 4 feet in depth.

Agent Theroux asked about the proposed grade and slope and recommended 3:1. S. Arseneault asked about how much fill would be added and J. Cipriano stated he was not sure.

J. Cipriano submitted a narrative which he read to the Commission concerning the construction activity. Agent Theroux asked how far the fill would be from the edge of the stream and J. Cipriano estimated that it would be approx. 5 to 6 feet from the edge of the stream. Agent Theroux asked about silt fencing to protect the stream and J. Cipriano stated it would be near the edge of the stream. Agent Theroux stated he wanted it to be installed at the toe of slope and edge of fill.

Agent Theroux asked again about the proposed slope and J. Cipriano said he did not know what the slope would be and indicated that approx. 3 feet of gravel fill would be put in with topsoil on top so it could be mowed. Agent Theroux explained that the Commission could not issue a permit unless they knew what they were approving. S. Arseneault also asked if the slope would be 3:1.

Motion to accept application: C. Grenier, Second: B. Muschiano, Motion carries.

Notice of Violation: 156 Bailey Pond Rd. Mr. Eric Marsh.: Excavation and grading within the upland review areas. C. Grenier asked if any application had been received, Agent Theroux indicated no. Agent Theroux distributed the photos of the site the Commission requested and explained them. Small trees and brush were cleared adjacent to the pond and stream. Agent Theroux said there were no significant impacts to the pond or stream and added that the notice of violation was issued because any land

disturbing activity within 100 feet of a wetland or watercourse needs review and approval before the work is done.

S. Arseneault asked if any activity occurred in the pond and Agent Theroux explained that he was not there when the clearing activity occurred. It was reported by Tracey Hanson. S. Arseneault suggested the matter be tabled until next month, and if it is determined if any grubbing occurred in the pond. Motion to table by: S. Arseneault, second by: D. Vachon, Motion carries.

284 Shetucket Turnpike, Arthur & Jennifer Howe: Construction of floating dock. Mr. Howe was not present. S. Arseneault asked if a dock existed here prior and Agent Theroux said no. This would not create a significant disturbance or obstruct the waterway.

Motion to approve application by: D. Vachon, Second by: S. Arsenault, Motion carries.

New Business: None

Correspondence: None

Agents Report: Agent J. Theroux informed the Commission that he did the spring inspection of the Buckley Drive stormwater system and reviewed the report. Overall, only minor amounts of sediments were found in the trenches, the waterbars are holding up well and the sumps of the catch basins should be cleaned out. A copy of the report was sent to Mr. Buckley.

Any other business to come before the Commission:

Any other business: S. Arseneault asked Agent Theroux to speak with Tracey Hanson to see if she witnessed any excavation activity in Bailey Pond.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by: D. Vachon at 8:30 PM, 2nd by S. Arseneault, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted:
Wetlands Agent J. Theroux
Acting Secretary

Thomas Sweet, Chairman